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ACIDS TO SOLID SUPPORTS

**INVENTOR'S VERIFIED STATEMENT OF FACTS UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.48(a)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

I, Dirk Reuter, hereby declare and state:

- (1) I am not a joint inventor of the claimed subject matter of the above-captioned application.
- (2) Through error, I was joined as an inventor at the time the application was filed.
- (3) Error in inventorship in the above-captioned application occurred without deceptive intention on my part.

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

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